

[0030]). Therefore, Freund overcomes that conventional problem by a mobile device profiling the network to which it is connected by collecting various information about the network in order to uniquely identify that network. After that information gathering establish the network's identification profile, the network may be included as part of a user's trusted zone. That network is thereafter identified based on the established network profile.

Accordingly, Freund actually teaches away from the claimed determination of a current location of a personal firewall based on an Internet Protocol (IP) address currently used by the client computer, as recited in independent claims 1, 10 and 11, and their respective dependent claims.

Freund further fails to teach verification of the current location determined on the basis of the client computer's current IP address by carrying out a location verification procedure with a predetermined network element. The Office Action has now asserted that paragraphs [0095]-[0097] of Freund teach that a client communicates with network elements to determine what network the client is attached to in order to distinguish the appropriate configuration. However, the passage referred to by the Office Action, and Freund in general, merely describe an internal operation of a firewall reconfiguration system in a client computer. Thus, the only communication described is carried out between various internal components of the client computer illustrated in Figure 3. Accordingly, Freund fails to teach a location verification procedure with a predetermined network element as recited in independent claims 1, 10 and 11, and their respective dependent claims. On the above grounds, claims 1-11 are not anticipated by Freund.

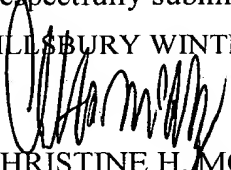
All rejections and objections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions or concerns regarding this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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